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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YASUKAZU NAKAKITA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/589,493 :  
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FOR: METHOD OF DETECTING AND :  
IDENTIFYING GRAM-NEGATIVE :  
OBLIGATIVE ANAEROBIC :  
BACTERIUM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Communication dated May 9, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this response.